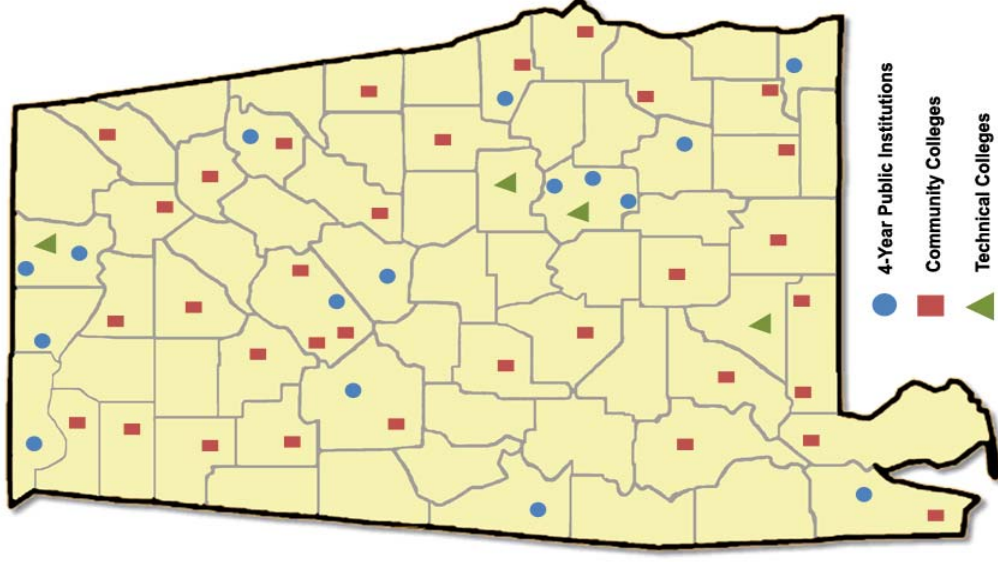


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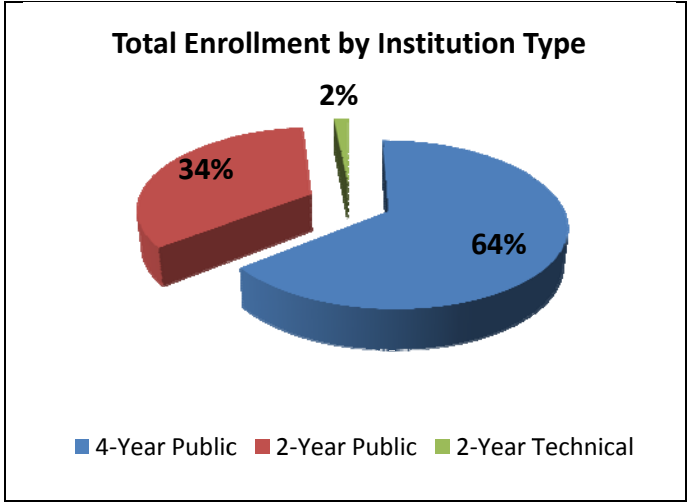
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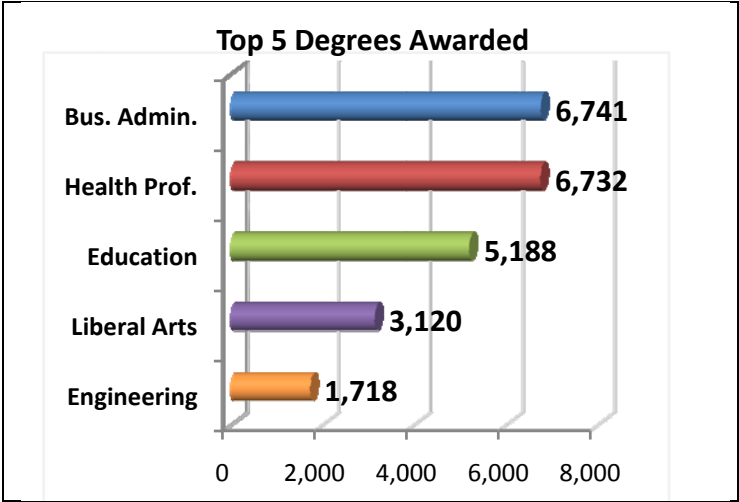


The executive director of the state’s coordinating board for higher education is **Gregory G. Fitch, Ph.D.** He has been president of four colleges, including a multi-campus system. He has an extensive background in economic development, having founded the Utah College of Applied Technology in Salt Lake City, where business needs were met through the Custom Fit training program and the coordination of a multi-disciplined technology curriculum. He has served as commissioner of the Missouri Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board and as executive director for the Idaho State Board of Education. A Viet Nam war veteran and former police officer, Fitch began his education career in 1973.

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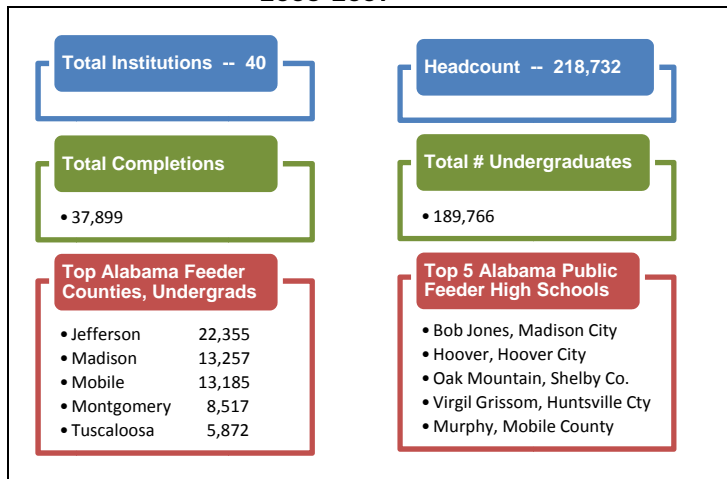


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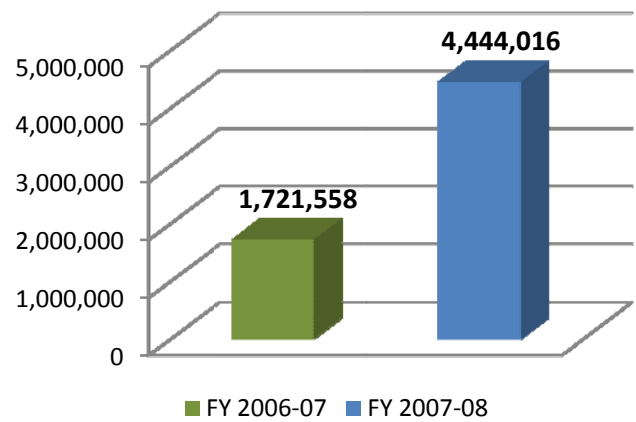


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Mission Statement

- Provide reasonable access to quality education for the citizens of Alabama
- Administer various student aid programs
- Plan and coordinate higher education programs in Alabama
- Facilitate an informed decision-making policy regarding the needs of students and goals of institutions
- Provide a state-level framework for institutions to respond cooperatively to the needs of the citizens of the state

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ACHE Responsibilities

- Approve new academic programs, new units of instruction, and off-campus instruction
- Review and make recommendations concerning existing programs
- Facilitate planning for higher education
- Prepare an annual Unified Budget Recommendation for the Governor and the Legislature
- Review institutional facilities masterplans and report to trustees and the Legislature
- Maintain an electronic student unit record system to provide accountability on student progress

ACHE Partnerships

- SREB
 - Education Technology Co-op
 - ACM/Electronic Campus Program
 - Regional Contract Program
 - Minority Doctoral Scholars Program
- Alabama Virtual Library provides all students, teachers, and citizens of Alabama with online access to essential information and library resources
- EPSCoR seeks matching funds to stimulate competitive research for education, healthcare, and employment
- Legislative Initiatives
 - Consolidation of licensing all private for-profit institutions
 - Put in place PK-20 council
 - Continue momentum of increasing needs-based student financial aid